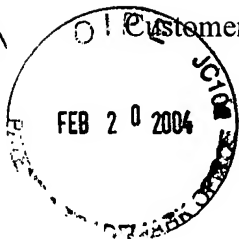


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003 ("Office Action"). Since a response is due February 18, 2004, this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments To The Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.